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TODAY'S FEATURES.
Cuba.
Letter from Garcia claims that his
army, 20,000 strong, is in excellent con-
dition.
Cabinet crisis imminent on account of
newspaper articles.
Henry Delgado gives the details of his
capture.
An interview with General Weyler.
Fillbustors at No Name Key rescued by
the Dauntless after undergoing much suf-
fering.
The queen has signed the decrees.
The Commodore fairly on her way to
Cuba.

Foreign.
Dispute over the possession of Corn
Island; Nicaragua sends troops to head off
those of Colombia.
Chilean government will establish a
penal colony on St. John's bay.
Several governments announce their in-
tention to be represented at the universal
postal convention.
An old anti-government paper in Mexico
suspends publication.
Ravages of the Bubonic plague in India.
Official denial that Salisbury dis-
approves of the terms of the treaty between
the United States and Great Britain.

Domestic.
Grand New Year reception at the White
House.
Frank S. Black inaugurated governor
of New York.
Mayor Pinder takes the oath as gov-
ernor of Michigan without ceremony.
Inquest over the body of Joseph McCul-
lough; physician claims he made a previous
attempt at suicide.
Charge of desertion brought up against
a presidential elector from Kansas.
Negro executed in Georgia for a brutal
crime.

Sport.
Houston defeats Galveston by a score of
4 to 0.
Fogarty knocks out Kavanaugh in
eight rounds.
Dallas Nightweights down the Port
Worth University by a score of 12 to 0.
Hart still leads the St. Louis walking
match. Schermer withdraws, leaving eight
in the race.
Walker ahead in the International bicy-
cle race at Washington.

State.
Jesse Allison bitten by a rattlesnake
near Fort Laramie.
A. Erhard of Bastrop makes an assign-
ment.
Cattle train wrecked near McKinney
and three of the crew badly injured.
Mother Benedict of the Sisters of the
Immaculate Word died at Galveston.
Harvey Hill of Austin found dead with
a bottle of morphine by his side.
George Durel, a German tailor, commits
suicide at Austin by hanging.
Chief Arnold of Dallas arrests a man
who is supposed to be a notorious crook.

Railroads.
G. A. Taft of the Wells-Fargo assumes
the position vacated by the promotion of
A. Christensen to the office of manager of
the Central department.
Others announce their intention of ap-
plying for the position of superintendent
of the Eleventh division of the railway
mail service.

Watch taken from the Southern Pacific
train by robbers at Comstock received in
Houston; also a statement from Samuel
Nolan, the prosecuting witness, made un-
der oath.
Grand Master Sargent of the Brother-
hood of Locomotive Firemen leaves for
San Antonio.
A conference of railroad officials held
at Fort Worth, for the purpose, it is
thought, of building a new union depot.
Colonel Polk of the Santa Fe emphati-
cally denies that there are strained re-
lations between his road and the Frisco.
The Big Four appointments are officially
denied.

Local.
Complete list of prize winners at the
late poultry show.
An enjoyable entertainment at Turner
hall.
New Year's reception at the Young
Men's Christian association.
Mask ball by Professor Giesbeck's dan-
cing class.
News notes from Brunner.
More tax suits filed.
Work done by the police during Decem-
ber.

Negroes arrested for robbing Dr. Hol-
land.
Governor Culberson will introduce Hon.
Wm. J. Bryan to the Houston audience.
Assessed valuations and taxes collected
for the past year.
Rev. Crittenton heard from in New
York.
Judge Devine indicted for extortion in
Ohio.
Otto and Burger dismissed on the charge
of murder.

Wool Market.
Boston, January 1.—The Commercial Bul-
letin will say tomorrow of the wool mar-
ket: The year goes under a cloud. The
small sales are largely composed of for-
eign wools, notably Australian. There
is little or no inquiry for fleece of any
kind. The sales for the week were 1,392-
100 pounds domestic and 57,000 pounds for-
eign, against 1,368,000 pounds domestic and
1,200,000 foreign last week. The sales to-
date show a decrease of 7,114,781 pounds
domestic and 21,147,720 foreign from the
same date of 1896. The receipts to date show
a decrease of 130,566 bales domestic and
11,664 bales foreign.

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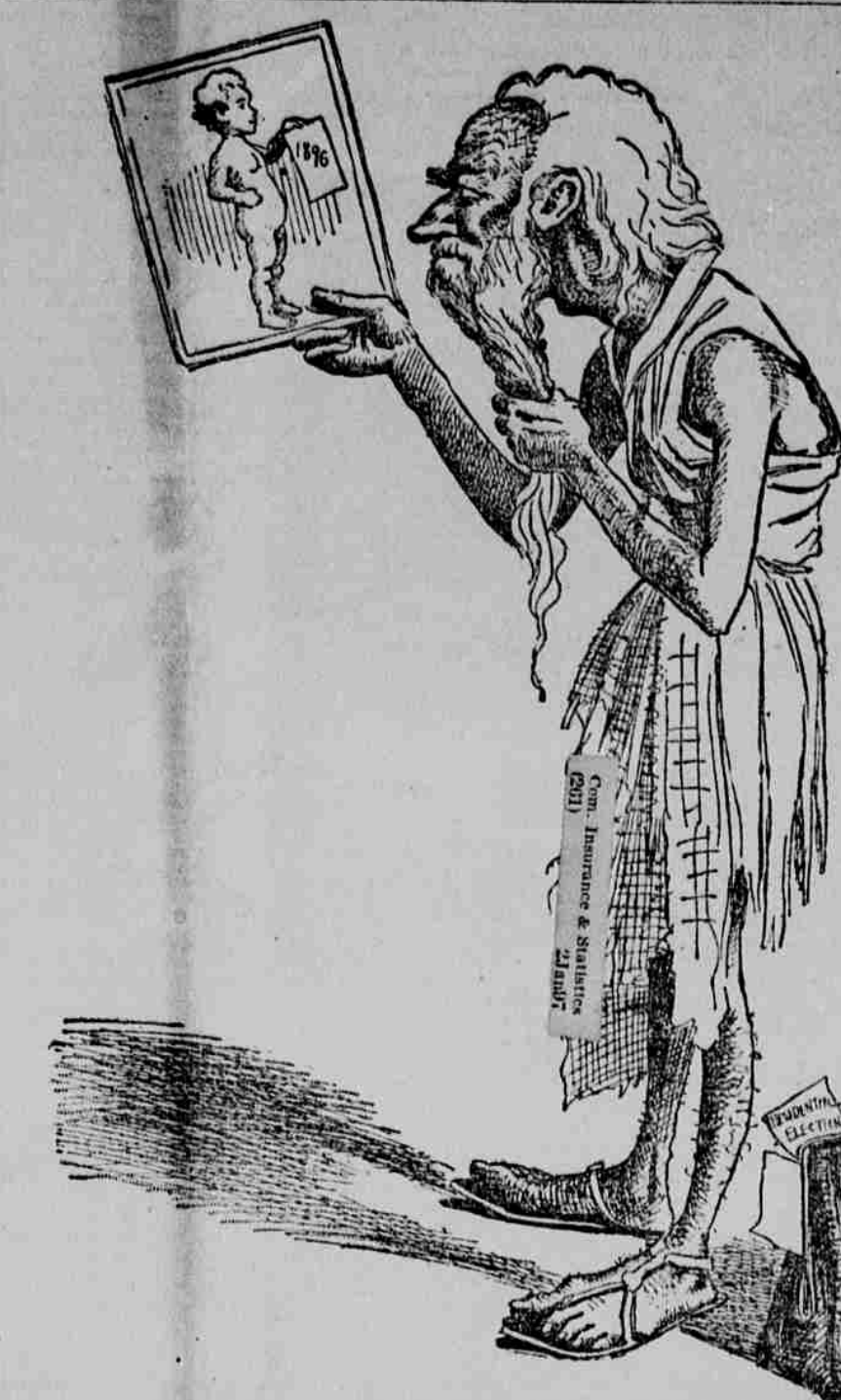
Washington, January 1.—Seven thousand
persons waited outside the White House
today for periods varying from one to six
hours. But patience had its reward in
every case, for the president and Mrs.
Cleveland shook hands with every one of
them.
The closing New Year's reception of the
present administration was the most bril-
liant of Mr. Cleveland's whole eight years
in office, and old Arthur Simmons, the
president's famous colored messenger,
whose service in the White House dates
back thirty years, shook his head as he
viewed the far-reaching crowd from an
upper window and declared it "the biggest
inception since de walt."

The gray sky that threatened, but which
did not fall, served merely as a foil to the
brilliant pageant that moved for hours
through the forest of tropic plants that
filled the softly lighted parlors inside the
executive mansion. The diplomatic corps,
as usual, furnished the high lights in the
picture. Foreign uniforms and decorations
of every sort, from the silver and white of
the German military attaches to the green
and crimson silks of the Chinese minister,
almost served to pale the Paris gowns of
the receiving party and of the guests be-
neath the line. Only a shade more sub-
dued were the uniforms of the army and
navy, a study in blue and gold, accentu-
ated by the yellow plumes of the cavalry
and the scarlet facings of the artillery. As
background for this display was set the
dead black of the evening dress of the
statesmen and diplomats, worn in ac-
cordance with their social law in such mat-
ters, and the sober morning costumes of the
civil officials. The center of the picture
was Mrs. Cleveland, the most simply
gowned of the receiving party. Her dress
of pale moire had a high rouching of smoke
gray lace at the throat and wrists. It was
cut with butterfly loops of same at the
shoulders and on the plain smooth hanging
skirt. Her hair was coiled at the back and
brought in full waves from her forehead
over her temples. She was slightly
flushed by the rapid exercise of hand-
shaking, but smiled as cheerfully and
shook hands as vigorously with the last of
her 7000 callers as she had with the first.

Washington, January 1.—New Year's
day broke raw and cloudy over the Na-
tional capital, but the weather was not al-
lowed to mar the success of the great an-
nual reception given by the chief magis-
trate at the executive mansion to official
and unofficial Washington.
The White House reception inaugurated
the social festivities of the winter and is
in many respects the most important fea-
ture of the year. It is the occasion when
the president, his cabinet and their fam-
ilies formally exchange greetings and joyous
good wishes with the high dignitaries
of the government and diplomatic represen-
tatives of all the nations of the world, the
officers of the army and navy and the gen-
eral public. The reception this year was a
brilliant success. For three hours, from
11 o'clock until 2 p. m., in the afternoon,
the reception continued. Long lines of
carriages moved slowly through the ap-
propriate grounds to the porte cochere, where
their occupants alighted and made their
way through the brilliant and beautifully
decorated parlors, to where the receiving
party stood in the blue parlor. In the
anteroom the full marine band played.
The official programme was carried out
with strict formality. The cabinet and
senatorial corps, the judges of the su-
preme court, the members of the govern-
ment and other dignitaries of the govern-
ment arrived in regular order and after
passing through the parlors and exchange-
ing New Year greetings with the receiving
party, they entered the east room. Here
the full brilliancy of the occasion occurred.
The elegantly gowned ladies, the members
of the diplomatic corps in full court es-
timate and the officers of the army and navy
in uniform, moving through the throng
made a kaleidoscopic picture. The gen-
eral public stood in line for hours outside
the White House gates until the officials
had all been received. Then for over an
hour they streamed in.

The decorations of the interior of the
White House were altered and redecor-
ated. Little else than flowers could be used,
the simple yet elegant permanent adorn-
ment of the receiving suite without sensibly
degrading from the effect of the whole.
These, however, were used in profu-
sion, and at the same time with such
fine taste and so correct an estimate of the
colors of values of the different apartments
as to add vastly to the appearance of the
mansion.

The first of the apartments to be entered
by the callers upon passing through the
lobby, the red room, so called from the
prevailing tone of the hangings and uphol-
stery, was least lavishly bedecked with
flowers, probably because it was intended
only for a waiting room.
But just adjoining it, the blue parlor, fa-
mous in the history of receptions, was de-
corated with exquisite taste. Tall palms,
interlarded with foliage plants and gigan-
tic ferns, hid from view the closely drawn
curtains, which shut out the light of day
from the room. Solid banks of the rarest
flowers covered the mantels, and a beauti-
ful and unique runner of ivy crept along
the frieze, the cornice and around the door-
ways, and over all streamed the soft light
from a hundred electric globes, suspended
in crystal chandeliers and placed around
the walls. The effect of the lighting upon
the delicate blue tapestry which covered
the walls and the blue upholstery of mas-
sive furnishings was extremely effective.
Very appropriate were the decorations of
the next suite, the green room. They were
of an emerald cast, and while there was an
apparent absence of flowers, an inspection
of what seemed only foliage disclosed the
scent of many rare and curious orchids
and prettily marked grasses and small
palms, all embedded in green jardiniere.
The east room was the glory of the house.



THE CONVENTIONAL "OLD YEAR"—"TO THINK I LOOKED LIKE THAT TWELVE MONTHS AGO!"
—Chicago Record.

Since the last reception it has been re-
nated completely, and it was fairly re-
splendent in gold and silver and white. In
its vast proportions the contents of a whole
conservatory of plants and flowers were
swallowed up without in any sense crowd-
ing the decorations. In the magnificent
east window stood a gigantic pyramid of
green, made up of tall palms and rubber
plants towering up towards the high ceil-
ing, founded in masses of ferns and grass-
es, interspersed with big, blushing red stars
of poinsettias. The three great crystal
chandeliers were the centers of perfect junc-
tions of creepers and asparagus and sun-
dries, while on the mantels were enameled jar-
dinieres filled with quaint Chinese prim-
roses and cinerarias and other bright hued
flowers.

In the blue parlor stood the receiving
party. Those who were in the receiving
line and insisted Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland
were: Mrs. Stevenson, Mrs. Olney, Mrs.
Lamont, Mrs. Harmon, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs.
Herbert, Mrs. Francis, Misses Morton.
Nearly a hundred other ladies were in-
vited to assist back of the line in the blue
room.

Promptly at 11 o'clock the Marine band
of fifty platooners up Weber's "drill" re-
sounded. The president and Mrs. Cleveland,
followed by Secretary and Mrs. Olney and
Secretary and Mrs. Carlisle, Attorney Gen-
eral Harmon, Postmaster-General and Mrs.
Ellison, Secretary and Mrs. Francis, and
Secretary and Mrs. Wilson, moved down
the stairs. They entered the blue
parlor, where they exchanged greetings
with the receiving party.

Mrs. Cleveland's gown was of more
cloth, very plainly made, his chief ex-
pressions being a high ruche of point lace
at the neck and butterfly folds of lace on
the shoulders and where the folds of the
skirt were cut. Her hair was coiled at the
back and brought in full waves of white silk.
Her hair was smooth and wavy, and arranged in a sim-
ple fashion.

The reception began with the entry of
the members of the diplomatic corps, head-
ed by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the English
ambassador, and Lady Pauncefote. All
were in full court costume. The red fez
of the Turkish minister and the striking
robes of the Chinese minister and repre-
sentatives of other oriental countries,
added to the effectiveness of the scene. The
Cuban minister and his suite, wearing
their black box-like hats, attracted much
attention.

After the diplomatic corps had been re-
ceived, Justice Fuller and other members
of the supreme court and others of the fed-
eral judiciary, accompanied by their wives,
followed. These in turn were succeeded at
11:25 by the senators, representatives,
commissioners of the District of Colum-
bia, the federal officers of the district, ex-
ecutives of the cabinet, and ex-ministers.
The congressional contingent was notably
small. Senator Sherman of Ohio and
Senator Morrill of Vermont came first, and
Representative Saxton of Texas was the
first of the representatives.

At 11:40 the officers of the army and
navy and the marine corps, the officers of
the militia of the district were received.
Major General Miles, the commander of
the department, and Adjutant General Engle,
headed the officers of the army, who were
resplendent in full uniform. All of the of-
ficers stationed at Fort Meyer were in line.
Admiral Ramsay and Commodore Mat-
thews headed the officers of the navy, and
Colonel Hayward and his staff those of the
marine corps.
At noon came Secretary Langley and the
regents of the Smithsonian Institute; Mr.
Proctor, the president, and other members
of the civil service commission; Colonel
Morrison and the members of the Inter-
state commission; Commissioner of Labor
Wright; Assistant Secretary Curtis of the
treasury; Assistant Postmaster General
Jones; Assistant Secretary Rockhill of the
state department and other assistant sec-
retaries and bureau chiefs.
At 12:15 came the representatives of the
war of 1816, the Grand Army of the Re-

Legion and the members of the Oldest In-
fantry, the Loyal Legion, the Union Veteran
association.
At 12:35 the general public were admit-
ted. The earlier arrivals had all taken
their leave and much of the brilliancy of
the reception had departed.

IN THE TRANSVAAL.
Fears Felt for the Future of the
Country.

Pretoria, Transvaal, January 1.—Upon
the occasion of New Year's well wishes
calling at the presidency to offer President
Kruiger their congratulations, Judge Mor-
rison made a speech in which he said that
the gratitude which his countrymen felt
at the deliverance from the attack upon the
independence of the country was mingled
with fears for the future. He complained
bitterly that the republic had been insulted
by the ostentatious display in Cape Colony
to Cecil Rhodes, "who," said the speaker,
"was undoubtedly the chief criminal in the
despicable assault upon our country."

President Kruiger showed himself deeply
moved at the address, but did not reply.
Cecil Rhodes has been welcomed with
unbounded enthusiasm at Capetown and a
gigantic banquet in his honor has been fixed
for Tuesday.
Exchange of Compliments.
Paris, January 1.—Baron von Mehren-
heim, the Russian ambassador, and head
of the diplomatic corps, was the spokesman
at the New Year's greeting, extended by
that body to President Faure today at the
Elysee palace. The ambassador paid a
tribute to the co-operation of France in
the maintenance of the world's peace and
the president in reply said he rejoiced at
such "just and eloquent appreciation of
the work of the republic and the senti-
ments in which his policy was inspired."

M. Faure also remarked that he con-
curred in the confidence expressed in the
future and concluded by saying:
"The assistance of France will never be
wanting in the work of uniting nations and
governments in the common name of jus-
tice, generous sympathy and peace."

The Day at Canton.
Canton, Ohio, January 1.—"A Happy New
Year" was the greeting received by Pres-
ident-elect and Mrs. McKinley from many
neighbors and friends who called to extend
their well wishes. Mr. and Mrs. McKinley
passed the morning receiving the many
visitors.
During the forenoon Bellamy Storer and
wife and Marquis and Marquise De Cam-
brun arrived here and were guests of Major
and Mrs. McKinley until afternoon, when
they left for Cleveland. National Execu-
tive Committee member Perry S. Heath was a
guest of Major McKinley today.
The president-elect and Mrs. McKinley
took dinner this evening with Judge and
Mrs. W. L. Day, and tomorrow at 9:50 they
leave for Cleveland.
New Year's in Berlin.
Berlin, January 1.—The advent of the
New Year was celebrated in the usual man-
ner at the palace. After church the em-
peror and empress held a grand reception
in the White hall, those present including
the chancellor, the ministers, the president
of the reichstag, the ambassadors and com-
manding generals. During the afternoon
the emperor made a tour of the embassies.
Observance in Mexico.
Mexico City, January 1.—New Year's day
was the occasion of a general cessation of
business and exchange of calls. The gov-
ernment departments were closed and the
United States consulate displayed flags.
Congratulations From the Cesar.
Paris, January 1.—President Faure is in
receipt of a telegraph message from the

cear conveying his majesty's New Year's
congratulations. The czar telegraphed:
"I desire to offer you my sincere con-
gratulations and express as much on the
emperor's behalf as on my own best
wishes for the prosperity of France. Among
the most agreeable recollections of the
year is our few days' charming sojourn in
your beautiful country. It is a memory
which will remain ineffaceable."
—Nicholas."

TODAY'S FORECAST.
NEW YORK.—The first of a series of
pouring storms will be given at the
Broadway Athletic club tonight.

CLEVELAND.—The local Cuban league
has announced a monster Cuban meeting
to be held here this evening. Mr. F. G.
Pierra of New York will be present and
make an address.

ALBANY.—Senator Higbee, who was
chairman of the good roads assembly spe-
cial committee two years ago, states he
will, on Monday, place before the legis-
lature a bill on good roads.

BOSTON.—Rev. Sam Jones will open a
series of revival meetings in conjunction
with the meetings arranged for Mr.
Twight L. Moody beginning tomorrow.
Sam Jones will hold forth at the People's
Temple.

LONDON.—The collectors of Edward J.
Ivory, alias Edward Bell, the alleged
Irish-American dynamite conspirator, ex-
pected to be ready on Monday to go on with
the trial. Some interesting testimony from
America, it is said, will be brought
out.

INDIANAPOLIS.—The State Farmers'
Industrial congress will meet in this city
the week commencing tomorrow. The gen-
eral assembly will meet the same week,
and as nearly every branch of the con-
gress is asking for some legislation there
will be an unusually large attendance.

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WEYLER'S ESTIMATES

Only Five Hundred Insurgents
Pinar Del Rio.

COMMODORE IS FAIRLY ON HER WAY

Fillbustors on No Name Key Res-
cued by the Dauntless.

STATEMENT MADE BY GARCIA

Claims that His Army Is Strong and
in Excellent Condition—An In-
terview With Delgado.

Havana, January 1.—The war correspond-
ent of La Lucha of this city, Senor Canarie,
has telegraphed to his paper the substance
of an interview which he had yesterday
with Captain General Weyler, whose col-
umn he joined at San Cristobal. The cap-
tain general assured the correspondent that
there were only about 500 insurgents in the
province of Pinar del Rio, adding:
"I am unable to say that the province is
pacified. Sickness, bullets and hunger
will alternate the revolution. I will treat
the leaders with consideration if they sur-
render all or nearly all of their followers."
"Nobody can consider himself the owner
of the cattle in the mountains and woods
which were born last year, and I allow the
soldiers and the poor to gather them to-
gether and get what benefit they can from
them. I have also provided for the estab-
lishment of cultivated places in order to
avoid famine, and I congratulate myself
upon the suppression of the revolution in
Pinar del Rio. The rebels are lacking in
valor and other elements to make the up-
rising a success."
"With the assistance of the commercial
chambers I hope to establish cultivated
zones in the province of Havana between
the two railroad lines, but I can not allow
people to build houses outside of the towns,
as they only serve as a refuge for bandits."
"Rios Rovers, the name hitherto applied
generally to the rebels, is regarded by the
Cuban partisans as lacking in the qualities
that go to make an insurgent commander,
and neither Quintan Bandoras nor Calisto
Garcia has as much prestige as Antonio
Macedo."
At San Cristobal General Weyler joined
forces with those of General Obregon from
Calderia.

TALK WITH DELGADO.
He Tells the Story of His Capture

New York, January 1.—A special to the
World from Havana, Cuba, says: A World
correspondent has penetrated the Spanish
official section known as "Incomunicado."
It is the first time such a thing ever was
known here.

Through the courtesy of the acting gov-
ernor general, the marquis of Abumada,
your correspondent has seen and conversed
with Henry Delgado of Hudson, N. Y., a
prisoner here, whose case has attracted
much attention in the United States.

Visiting the ward in San Ambrosia hospi-
tal set apart for sick political prisoners,
Delgado was found in a large, lofty, airy
apartment with an iron grated door, guard-
ed outside by two soldiers. The ward con-
tained twelve inmates, all sick prisoners.
Delgado lay on a wide comfortable cot,
which had clean linen, a white blanket and
a pink counterpane, with frilling around
the edges.

He is but the shadow of himself, almost
a skeleton, and his skin is yellow, his face
pinched, his large eyes prominent, and he
is greatly prostrated. He is suffering from
an immense abscess in the lower portion of
the abdomen on the right side, just below
the line of the umbilicus. It fluctuates,
thus indicating that the suppuration was
confined to the abdominal cavity. Besides,
he has general malarial poisoning, contract-
ed in Pinar del Rio. He suffers little pain,
but he says he is so prostrated he can not
eat; can only drink. He has beside him a
mug of fresh milk, which he pronounced
the richest and best he ever drank.
An attendant brought him a capsule of
quinine, which he swallowed with diffi-
culty. He said he could not eat the eggs
and beef brought and offered to him. He
described his capture in Pinar del Rio in
a house with other sick persons (really
an insurgent hospital). He was suffering
from the abscess in his side then, but it
was not far advanced, and from malaria.
"Some insurgents outside who were not
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